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100 MPH Club Member Nabbed with Drugs

On May 2, 2006 at approximately 12:57 AM, WSP dispatch put out a Port of Portland Police unit had attempted to stop an Isuzu traveling at 100 mph, which was traveling northbound on I-205 in Portland. The Port of Portland unit lost sight of the Isuzu in the area of Mill Plain on the Washington side of the Columbia River.

Trooper Dave Ortner was parked in the median watching for the Isuzu on I-205 just south of NE 134th Street (Milepost 35). Several Minutes later Trooper Ortner was unable to locate the Isuzu. Trooper Ortner while still in the same location observed a car traveling northbound approaching at a high rate of speed. Trooper Ortner clocked the car, a 2006 Toyota Scion, at 122 mph in the 60 mph zone.

Trooper Ortner stopped the Toyota in the area of NE 134th Street and placed Benjamin F. Hilbert, an 18 year old resident of Vancouver under arrest for Reckless Driving. Trooper Ortner secured Mr. Hilbert in his patrol car and made contact with the passenger Vanessa L. Morrison, a 20 year old resident of Vancouver. Trooper Ortner smelled an odor of Marijuana coming from the inside of the Toyota. Ms. Morrison advised Trooper Ortner she had smoked Marijuana about two weeks earlier.

Trooper Ortner searched the Toyota locating 10 pills that tested positive for Ecstasy in the center console. Trooper Ortner also found some dried Mushrooms in a box under the front passenger seat. Trooper Rob Gardiner arrived with his Drug K-9, "Molly", and assisted with the search of the Toyota. "Molly" alerted to an area inside the Toyota, but didn't locate any other drugs. Trooper Ortner located a dagger (knife), which was considered a dangerous weapon between the two front seats.

Mr. Hilbert was booked in the Clark County Jail for two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance (Ecstasy and Mushrooms), Reckless Driving and Possession of a Dangerous Weapon.

Ms. Morrison wasn't charged and transported to her Vancouver residence.

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